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Leader of Local Street Gang Sentenced to 22 Years in Prison

WASHINGTON, D.C. - Albert M. Price, 32, formerly of Southeast Washington, D.C., the leader of the 662 Boss Piru gang, was sentenced today to 264 months in prison, announced Acting U.S. Attorney Channing D. Phillips, Joseph Persichini, Jr., Assistant Director in Charge of the Federal Bureau of Investigation's (FBI) Washington Field Office, and Metropolitan Police Department (MPD) Chief Cathy L. Lanier.

Price received the sentence in U.S. District Court before the Honorable Henry H. Kennedy, Jr., who also ordered the defendant to serve five years of supervised release upon completion of his prison term. Price pleaded guilty on April 27, 2009 to two federal offenses: Kidnapping in Aid of Racketeering Activity and Carjacking.

According to the government's evidence presented at the plea hearing, Price was the leader of the 662 Boss Piru gang, a criminal gang which holds itself out as being part of the nationwide Bloods street gang. The gang has operated in the District of Columbia since at least 2004. Members of the 662 Boss Piru gang have engaged in gang-related criminal activities including selling narcotics, stealing motor vehicles, illegally possessing firearms, committing robberies and assaults, and promoting prostitution.

On the afternoon of June 8, 2008, Price and other gang members, including Deandre Tolson, Ceasar Hall, and Lewis Fields, committed a carjacking that commenced outside of the Pentagon City Mall in Arlington, Virginia. Later that same day, in the vicinity of the Benning Road Metro Station in Washington, D.C., Price, Tolson, Hall, and Fields kidnapped and assaulted an 18-year-old female gang member. In April of 2009, Tolson, Hall, and Fields pleaded guilty to kidnapping in aid of racketeering activity and carjacking. Judge Kennedy sentenced Tolson to 168 months of imprisonment and Hall to 120 months of incarceration. Fields is scheduled to be sentenced on January 8, 2010.

In announcing the sentence, Acting U.S. Attorney Phillips, FBI Assistant Director in Charge Persichini, and MPD Chief Lanier commended the exemplary investigative work of Special Agents of the Federal Bureau of Investigation, along with MPD Sergeants Morani Hines, Kevin Rice, and Michael Lynch, MPD Detectives Darryn Robinson, Derrick Bolding, Thurman Stallings, and Neil Jones, and MPD Officers Charles Monk, Corey Perkins, Marc D'Avignon, Sherrie Forester, Jeffrey Leslie, Chanel Howard, Natasha Pettus, Pamela Cooper, Tony Nwani,

Carmen Pagan, Valerie Campbell, and John Holder. They also praised the work of Officer Lenny Smith of the Metro Transit Police, Officer Chris Cryan of the Gaithersburg Police Department, and Detectives Sean Bryson and Chris Dengeles of the Arlington County Police Department. They also lauded the efforts of U.S. Attorney's Office Criminal Investigator Durand Odom, Victim/Witness Advocate Tracey Hawkins, Paralegal Specialists Gena Johnson and James Mazzitelli, and Legal Assistant Nicole Lee. Finally, they thanked Assistant U.S. Attorneys Greg Marshall and Mark O'Brien, who prosecuted the case.

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